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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application, and in corresponding priority German application.

U.S. Patent No. 3,224,154 discloses a structural assembly construction.

U.S. Patent No. 4,069,638 discloses a structure of lightweight bars and connection means therefor.

U.S. Patent No. 5,927,041 discloses a mounting rail.

European Publication EP0906737 A1 discloses a steel support profile having a form of a beam with an approximately box-like cross section and produced from strip steel by profiling, with the narrow top wall (16) and/or the narrow bottom wall (17) having a greater material thickness than one or more of the right-hand and left hand side-wall portions (11,12), and with the steel-support profile having been produced by profiling an initial strip-steel sheet (19), which as regions (19d, 19e) of greater material thickness and regions (19a, 19b, 19c) of lesser material thickness.

British Patent No. 1,605,408 discloses a tubular structural element.

German Publication DE 3513382A1 discloses a support profile formed of a bent sheet metal with dowel shaped side grooves (1) and having one weld seam (9).

German Publication DE 19740101A1 discloses an elongated profile having a rectangular cross-section the wall (10) of which have elongated beads (100) the thickness (t) of which corresponds at most to a wall thickness (s).

German Utility Model DE 29923482U1 discloses a hollow profile with a rectangular cross-section formed of broadside (2,3) and narrow side (4,5) walls, with the welding connections forming flanged welding connection (17, 18), with flange checks (17, 18) being connected by a welding seam (19).

French Publication FR 2258502 discloses an armature element for a building with a base and profiled side walls.

U.S. Patent Publication US 2003/0159397 discloses an elongated hollow member for suspended objects.

U.S. Patent Publication US 2003/0042033 (corresponds to EP1288 387 cited in the European Search Report discloses a shaped mounting rail.

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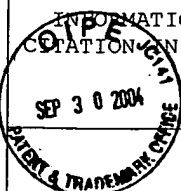


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